

WEATHER

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CROPS

Week of: Oct 25 - 31, 2004

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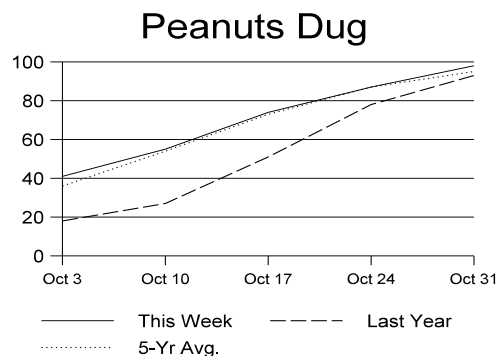
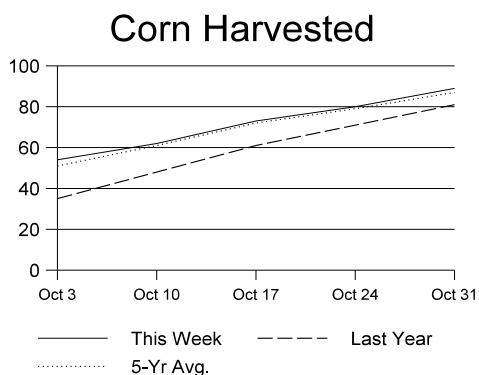
CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2004

The week started off cool with drizzle and heavy fog, and ended with a pleasantly warm weekend. The weekend high climbed up into the 80s; the low for the week was around 44 degrees. Most of the State received a quarter of inch of rain, except for the western region of the State which experienced about one inch of rain. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.7. Farmers were busy harvesting their crops and planting winter grains. Overall, the yields continue to look good for all of Virginia's crops. Some areas have not yet experienced a frost, and are still harvesting a few fall vegetables. Other farming activities included vaccinating cows and calves, breeding sheep, making the last cutting of hay, and building fences.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 31, 2004	0	1	74	25
October 24,2004	0	1	77	22
October 17, 2004	0	4	82	14
October 10, 2004	0	5	75	20
October 3, 2004	0	3	67	30

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	20	48	29
Livestock	0	1	11	67	21
Other Hay	0	3	26	52	19
Alfalfa Hay	0	4	25	51	20
Soybeans	0	4	17	51	28
Cotton	0	7	25	53	15

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Harvested	89	80	81	87
Soybean Dropping Leaves	98	93	95	96
Soybeans Harvested	32	21	36	36
Winter Wheat Seeded	53	35	44	43
Winter Wheat Emerged	32	16	N/A	N/A
Barley Seeded	90	76	82	85
Peanuts Dug	98	87	93	95
Peanuts Combined	86	71	74	84
Cotton Harvested	51	40	37	45
Fall Apples Harvested	99	93	100	99
Winter Apples Harvested	88	68	99	92



Weather Summary for the Week Ending October 31, 2004							
Weather Station	Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)				Precipitation (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	76	42	55	4	0.45	-0.25	3
The Plains	72	37	53	2	0.08	-0.75	5
Winchester 7SE	75	38	54	5	0.28	-0.48	2
Dale Enterprise	78	39	56	7	0.32	-0.38	3
WESTERN							
Glasgow	84	49	61	9	0.10	-0.67	2
Roanoke AP	80	52	61	9	0.06	-0.78	3
Waynesboro	78	45	57	9	0.20	-0.57	2
Staunton AG	78	44	57	9	0.23	-0.54	4
CENTRAL							
Somerset	78	43	56	5	0.25	-0.66	3
Piedmont Res St	78	45	56	4	0.22	-0.69	3
Bremo Bluff	83	41	56	4	0.31	-0.60	4
Richmond AP	82	47	60	6	0.12	-0.65	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	77	48	57	0	0.16	-0.47	2
Wallops Island	72	44	57	-2	0.11	-0.52	1
Williamsburg	82	46	60	5	0.00	-0.72	0
Keysville	80	50	59	7	0.10	-0.74	3
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	80	47	60	13	0.21	-0.56	4
Wytheville	75	41	58	11	0.57	-0.18	5
Saltville	76	43	61	12	2.00	1.23	4
Richlands	75	40	60	16	1.04	0.27	5
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	76	50	59	8	0.17	-0.73	3
Danville AG	80	47	60	6	0.11	-0.67	2
Chatham	76	42	56	6	0.13	-0.71	3
Martinsville	76	46	58	8	0.18	-0.66	4
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	79	46	58	2	0.09	-0.56	1
Oceana	79	44	58	-2	0.12	-0.58	1
Emporia	79	43	57	5	0.11	-0.67	1
Newport News	81	46	60	4	0.13	-0.52	2

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.  
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.